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## PLEASANTLY ENTERTAINED

Opening of the White City Improvement Club's Hall.

## 200 GUESTS PRESENT

Besides an interesting program of entertainment an abundance of refreshments were provided.

White City in general, and the members of the White City Improvement club in particular, have occasion to feel very proud of the successful opening of their new club house last Friday night. Everything was in happy accord with the occasion; even the storm which had been threatening all day gave way to bright moonlight that added much to the enjoyment of the evening.

In every way the affair eclipsed all previous attempts of a like nature in White City, but above all it demonstrated to the entire satisfaction of the large crowd present that this wide-awake, hustling little community has a public building that will compare favorably with those of much larger and more pretentious places, and that nowhere is one more hospitably received or better entertained.

Considerable of a surprise was in store for those who had not seen the club building before, as the published accounts failed to give an adequate idea of the size or general roominess of the structure, which is 28x40 in dimension and is two stories high. The old club building is directly in the rear of the new one and is used as a kitchen, etc. The main floor of the new building is somewhat cut up, the stairway and the back room taking up a large amount of space, but there still remains ample room for a fair sized auditorium and stage.

Decorations were everywhere in the rear part of the building, palms and candelabras, and Old Glory and the Danes colors carrying out a very happy

It is estimated that fully 200 people were in attendance, many coming from Fort Pierce and places along the river. The entertainment provided was of a high order and elicited much applause, every number being heartily endorsed. The program was as follows:

Instrumental Solo—Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Pomeroy  
Vocal Solo—Miss Ethel Bell and Philip Platts  
Vocal Solo—Miss Louise Jensen  
Vocal Solo—Peter Jensen  
Vocal Solo—Dr. C. P. Platts

After the entertainment the auditorium was cleared and tables were arranged for the excellent supper provided by the ladies. Everything that a hungry person could desire; oysters, sold meats and chicken, baked beans, salads, vegetables, coffee, ice cream and cake, was to be had, and if anyone left White City that night in a hungry condition it certainly was not the fault of the ladies of the improvement club. Plenty of good things to regale the inner man were there and plenty of attendants were ready and willing to serve all who desired to be served.

After the supper, dancing was the order of the evening. Members of the Fort Pierce band furnished music for the occasion and there was abundant opportunity for all to trip the light fantastic, and it was taken advantage of all a late hour.

Good cheer and hearty good will preceded and the "house warming" of the White City Improvement club's new building will remain long in the memory of the fortunate ones attending. Only expressions were heard on all sides, the most frequent, however, being a desire to know when the next entertainment would be held. Much credit is due the managers of the delightful affair for the comfortable arrangements made for all. Every detail was perfectly arranged and nothing was overlooked, and the presence of the band boys and the music computed much to the evenings enjoyment.

### Lest You Forget.

In looking over our subscription books we were surprised to find that a large number of our subscribers are yet indebted to us for their subscriptions. Individually, this is a small item to you, but in the aggregate it is considerable. We shall need this money by the first of December, and will thank those in arrears if they will kindly mail or hand us the amount at once.

## JUPITER WIRELESS TELEGRAPH STATION

L. E. Switzer, in charge of the wireless telegraph station at Jupiter, is in Miami Monday and favored the Evening Record with some very interesting information concerning the workings of the station. Mr. Switzer states that although his station is working under very unfavor-

able conditions, especially as to the power necessary to develop the very essential electric spark, it is still doing good work, although it is expected that it will take at least four weeks more to put the station in complete working order.

Messages have been received at the station at Jupiter from points 900 miles away, and almost daily communication is had with Washington, D. C., New Haven, Conn., Atlantic City and Key West.

"We frequently hear," said Mr. Switzer, "the station at Cape Cod talking with outgoing or incoming trans-Atlantic steamers."

During four days out of the six the president was sailing from New Orleans to Norfolk, the Jupiter station was in constant touch with him, and there was not a moment, day or night, during the time that he could not have been instantly informed of any important incident.

The value to the coastwise shipping of the station at Jupiter cannot be estimated.

Mr. Switzer is an extremely courteous gentleman and a most interesting talker. He has been in Florida about four months.

## FISH SHIPMENTS FROM FORT PIERCE

The Florida Fish and Produce Co., loaded one of their refrigerator cars here last week, probably the first private car ever loaded with fish from this station. The car was loaded with ice at Jacksonville and sent here, where the ice was distributed.

Only moderate catches have been made here the past two weeks. G. W. Depew and W. M. Jones have caught over 1800 mullet on two different occasions recently, and several fair catches of sheephead have been made this week. Some mackerel are being caught, but the catches are not up to the standard of the past years.

The closed season for mullet fishing is on now, midnight the 15th being the time set by law to stop taking these fish until after January 1st.

Shipments of fish (barreled) from Fort Pierce for the first nine days in November amounted to 397 1-2 barrels. The highest shipment was on the 7th, when 80 barrels were shipped; the smallest shipments were on the 1st, when only 29 barrels were sent out.

These figures, of course, do not include the amounts shipped in carlots, estimated at about 225 barrels, or a total of about 475 barrels for the five days beginning the 5th.

Neil Carlsen of Belmas, N. J., who regularly fishes for Manager Cross of the Florida Fish and Produce Co., arrived in Fort Pierce yesterday.

R. Whyte has sold the cabin launch Wigwam to Commodore Hughes, of St. Lucie.

Shipments of fish for the seven days ending Thursday were 154 1-2 barrels.

Only two catches of Spanish mackerel have been made so far this season, but both were monsters. The catches were made last Friday, one by Ben Sooy, of St. Lucie, being of 1,950 pounds, which netted him \$136.50, while the haul of Game Warden Summerlin was 1312 pounds and netted \$91.84. Ricou & O'Brien bought both catches. Since last Friday the weather has been too stormy for outside fishing, but now that the sport has begun, regular hauls about the size of the above will be recorded for several weeks to come.

## CAPT. A. W. BUIE IS PROMOTED

The many Indian River friends of Capt. A. W. Buie will be pleased to hear of his promotion to commercial agent of the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway after serving this railway for several years in the capacity of traveling freight agent. Captain Buie's headquarters will be in Jacksonville, and the St. Augustine Record in speaking of his promotion says: "Captain Buie is very popular among the railroad men, and is well qualified for the position to which he has been promoted, as he understands every branch of the freight business. From 1886 to 1897 he was superintendent of the Indian River Steamboat company, and from 1897 to 1902 he was traveling freight agent of the Florida East Coast Railway. Since then he has been with the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway."

Captain Buie is a man of sterling qualities, and is a man of business, from the word go. Since his connection with the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway, he has won the esteem of the officials of that road, and they could have chosen no better man to place in charge of the freight office here."

### Mrs. Andrews' Father Dead.

Judge and Mrs. James E. Andrews and the children were called to Ormond Monday on a receipt of the news that Mr. C. D. Woodbury, father of Mrs. Andrews was at the point of death. They reached his bedside before he expired Monday evening, and the funeral occurred Tuesday. The Judge returned to Fort Pierce Wednesday morning, while Mrs. Andrews and the children arrived on Thursday evening accompanied by Mrs. Woodbury, who will make her home here with her daughter.

## TOWN TICKET NOMINATED

Harmonious Mass Meeting Held Saturday Evening.

## ELECTION DECEMBER 5

Full Ticket Placed in the Field but Clerk and Aldermen Will Have No Opposition Apparently.

The mass meeting of the qualified voters of Fort Pierce held last Saturday evening in the Paxton building opposite the council chamber was well attended by our citizens, and was the most harmonious gathering for a political meeting held in many days.

The meeting was called to order by Acting Mayor F. H. Fee, who stated the object of the meeting, and called for nominations for presiding officers of the meeting. F. H. Fee and F. M. Tyler were unanimously selected as chairman and secretary, respectively.

Before any nominations were made an order was passed that where there were two candidates for any office the secretary be instructed the cast the vote of the meeting for both candidates, allowing both to have their names placed on the official ballot, and where there were more than two candidates the two receiving the highest votes should be the nominees of the meeting.

The meeting was so harmonious that the ballot was not spread for any candidates, as there was not more than two candidates for any office, and for clerk and aldermen there was no opposition. The following ticket was nominated:

For Mayor—F. H. Fee and W. E. Tylander.

For Clerk—F. M. Tyler.

For Aldermen—Richard D. Whyte and G. S. Tucker.

For Marshal—D. L. Alderman and W. T. Hayes.

The retiring aldermen are A. C. Dittmar and James E. Andrews, who have made splendid officials during their term of office.

The election will occur on December 5th, and the candidates nominated are worthy of the support of our people.

## WHAT M'CURDYISM REALLY MEANS

During the 116 years of the republic the government of the United States has paid in salaries to its twenty-five presidents a total of \$3,700,000. During the last twenty years the Mutual Life Insurance Company has paid to three members of the McCurdy family about \$4,600,000. Against twenty years of Richard McCurdy, Robert H. McCurdy and Louis A. Thebaud must be set off 116 years of George Washington, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, James Monroe, John Quincy Adams, Andrew Jackson, Martin Van Buren, William Henry Harrison, John Tyler, James K. Polk, Zachary Taylor, Millard Fillmore, Franklin Pierce, Jas. Buchanan, Abraham Lincoln, Andrew Johnson, Ulysses U. Grant, Rutherford B. Hayes, James A. Garfield, Chester A. Arthur, Grover Cleveland, Benjamin Harrison, William McKinley and Theodore Roosevelt—and with a balance of \$900,000 in favor of the McCurdy's at that. If the total salaries paid to the twenty-five presidents there be added the total salaries paid to the twenty-six vice-presidents, the McCurdy's will still have more than \$20,000 the better of it, says the New York World.

The Tribune purchases additional equipment. The Tribune has just closed a contract with H. E. Hill, editor, for the printing of The American Bee-Keeper, a monthly journal of 3,000 circulation, beginning December 1st, and getting out the January issue.

To enable us to handle this additional business without tying up too much of our material, we have been obliged to place an order for additional material, which includes a large lot of valuable type and machinery, which has already been shipped and will reach us before the first of December. The invoice totals \$300.

We have installed the most complete and expensive printing outfit south of Jacksonville, and are prepared to do anything in the printing line except ruling and steel die work, and if the trade demands it we shall install equipment for this work within another year.

We solicit the support of those desiring first-class work, and guarantee satisfaction on every job executed. Our prices are as low as first class material and workmanship will admit.

Mrs. Alice E. Robbins, of Sanford, Grand Matron of the order of the Eastern Star of Florida, arrived last night, on her annual visitation of the lodges of the State. Ruth Chapter No 12, held an

elegant reception to entertain her, in the Masonic lodge room last evening.

Attorney C. T. McCarty made a visit to Titusville Tuesday, returning Thursday.

C. K. Durkee of the firm of Durkee & Goodwin, house painters, who has spent the summer in Tennessee, has returned to Fort Pierce.

Rev. H. H. Jones, the Congregational minister at Eden, will conduct services in the Fort Pierce Methodist church next Sunday morning. A full congregation is requested.

F. M. Tyler has been busily engaged the past week in laying new carpet and otherwise renovating the Fort Pierce hotel, preparatory to the coming of the new proprietor the first of December.

J. E. Mosteller and family, lately of West Palm Beach, are now in town and have taken rooms for light house-keeping at Mrs. J. D. Almond's. Mr. Mosteller is an engineer for the St. Lucie Ice company.

Baseball this afternoon between the Fort Pierce club and the Rosebuds. The game last week resulted in a score of 8 to 4, the Rosebuds winning. Batteries: Fort Pierce, Killer and Hopkins; Rosebuds, Verner and Penrow.

## PINEAPPLE GROWERS' ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

A meeting of the board of directors of the Indian River and Lake Worth Pineapple Growers' association was held recently at West Palm Beach, when the annual report of the general agent, E. P. Porcher, was received and other important business transacted.

Those in attendance were: President G. C. Matthams, of that city; Vice President Otto Stypman, of Stuart; Secretary T. V. Moore, of Miami; Treasurer J. W. Comstock, of Palm Beach; General Agent E. P. Porcher, of Cocoa, and W. J. Dwyer, of Stuart.

The report of the general agent will not be given out until the annual meeting of the association, which is to be held at some convenient point on the 22d of this month. It was found, however, that the affairs of the association were in excellent shape and the outlook very encouraging.

The pineapple acreage will next season be about the same as last season, if not a little greater. While it is true that several fields have been abandoned it is also true that many new ones have been started, and it is believed that the new fields will exceed in acreage the old ones that have been abandoned.

One important fact developed, and that is the encouraging prices being received by shippers. Owing to the scarcity of fruit in the north, fancy pines have been bringing as high as \$3.80 net, while some 18s and 24s have brought \$4.50 to \$5. The 42s have also kept up to a remarkable degree, bringing as high, and in a few cases even higher than \$3.50.

These figures are in face of the fact that the pines have been having to contend with Cuban competition, the product of the island not comparing in quality with Florida fruit, and bringing a lower price.

The pineapple growers along the east coast have every reason to feel hopeful over the situation, as the plants are now in excellent condition, and next season's crop promises to be very good.

A business meeting of the Baptist workers will be held next Wednesday afternoon at 2:30, at the Baptist church.

## CAST OF CHARACTERS LADIES' CLUB PLAY

The ladies of the Improvement club are making excellent progress on the play which they will give the evening of Thanksgiving.

The following is the cast of characters:

A Salad—Club Brand.  
BY ROSE ANKENY LEWIS.  
Cast of Characters.

Mrs. Stuyvesant Van Haylor, artist, and president of the Mental Improvement Club.

Mrs. Milton  
Mrs. Elmina Jane White, captain of the Advance Guard of the 29th Century.  
Mrs. Mims  
Mrs. G. Washington Winthrop Columbus, founder of the Early American Ancestry Association.  
Mrs. C. M. Horton

Miss Daisy Pearl Liszt, representative of The Daily Dial.  
Mrs. F. R. Horton  
Prof. Hannah Emerson Smith, music and art critic and psychological lecturer.  
Mrs. Nesbitt  
"No. 75," representative at large of the Suburban Insane Asylum.  
Mrs. McCarty  
Kitty; maid, butler and cook.  
Miss Rena Faber

There will be no reserved seats. General admission 25c; children 15c. The play will commence at 8 o'clock, and after its completion a dance will be given in the clubroom, a charge of 22c for gentlemen being made.

### Miss Winegard Dead.

News of the death of Miss Dora Winegard of typhoid fever at St. Lukes hospital, Jacksonville, early Wednesday morning has reached Fort Pierce, where she was known and highly respected. Miss Winegard was a niece of Mrs. K. B. Raulerson, who has been at her bedside for the past ten days, and also a cousin of Miss Laura Powers.

### First Shipment of Beans.

Foster Meredith shipped six crates of string beans Wednesday, the first that have been shipped from Fort Pierce this season. From now on the shipments of vegetables will increase daily.

## MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP

Predicts the Socialists Will Overwhelm Republicans.

## IN CAMPAIGN OF 1908

Contributor Thinks That a Revision Will be Made in the Tariff but it will not Injure Florida.

WHITE CITY, Nov. 8, 1905. Editors TRIBUNE:

Pending a more thorough investigation of the citrus groves—for it is a very busy time—it will be profitable to devote the interim to a few reflections on the possible influence of tariffs, reciprocity, etc., on profits. Tariff reform is in the air, and it is evident that Republican leaders are sick of the Dingley bill—but the rates on Florida fruits are so low comparatively that no cut will be made on them; they are on the basis of "for revenue only," and not protection. Florida growers entered a complaint that they were not protected against the cheap foreign labor. A delegation was given audience by the congressional committee on the subject without avail. When a reduction is made on the Dingley bill, only excessive rates of duty will be cut down. The prospect of "reciprocity" with Cuba is already a nightmare with some people, and rightly so—bearing in mind that the greatest value of a citrus grove lies in the prospect of compensation with a good income in old age or widowhood and orphanage; when rest is needed most from the constant toil and expenses that are required in the renewal of most of other products.

The danger in reciprocity is that the American continent must in the near future be won for markets, and markets constitute a ruling factor in politics. Yet it is more than probable that an exception will be made of Florida fruits, not for the sake of Florida but through fear of losing the vote of California, a forecast of which is plain that that fear will be stronger at each successive presidential campaign.

Freight rates are destined to be lowered. Why? One may ask, the railroad systems have become so concentrated, almost under one management, that as a trust combine it has the power as never before of putting on freights "all the traffic will bear." Nevertheless the railway and express rate will be modified in the near future. President Roosevelt sees a political necessity for it. He has told the railroad magnates that if they do not, the Republican party will be overwhelmed by the Socialists in 1908 and ownership by the public would be the result. They fear the votes of the people. Mr. Trust will consent for his creatures in congress to pass some moderate rate bill through complaisance to the president's message on the subject, yet not without strenuous resistance on the details may seem too stringent.

At each successive campaign the fear of the people will increase, until the day of full justice shall arrive.

Where the express companies will come in is not so easy to see, but will be well attended to when the people wake up to the realization of the power they hold in their ballots instead of resting their living in the hands of grafting politicians, who, before election, promise everything and when elected do nothing for the working people.

Kind TRIBUNE, do not look upon this digression, for it is in direct line with the producing power of St. Lucie county. Give earth's toilers a rag of hope, if only for his children, that they may not have to drudge to pile up millions for the few while the producers of wealth themselves must live with but the faintest idea of having all the comforts of life with intellectual enjoyment even after many years of toil and care. Let in the light of hope of a better day (Continued on page 8)

### Special Offer.

While THE TRIBUNE'S circulation in St. Lucie county exceeds the number of registered voters by 36, there are still 52 registered voters who are not subscribers. In order to secure these, and any others who may accept the offer, we will send THE TRIBUNE until January, 1907, upon receipt of one dollar. Now is the time to subscribe. Do not delay.

## BREVARD COUNTY WILL TEST LAW

The Brevard County Commissioners ordered the County Treasurer, John Henry, to transfer \$3,500 from the fine and forfeiture fund to the general road fund, but the treasurer has refused to do so, and an order has gone forth for the county attorney to mandamus the treasurer. This will test the state law,

### PERSONAL AND LOCAL.

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